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USAID Donates Healthcare Mobile Units for El Alto Residents

Within the framework of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded "PROSALUD in Action" project, U.S. Ambassador to Bolivia Philip Goldberg handed over two mobile healthcare units to improve the provision of preventive and curative healthcare services in the city of El Alto. The units, which will serve underprivileged populations in El Alto Districts 3, 4, 7, and 9, are designed primarily to offer mother-child healthcare attention.

During the donation ceremony, PROSALUD's Executive Director Luis F. Fernández explained that the "PROSALUD in Action" project, funded by USAID, has been operating since November 2007. As a result of the project, over 7,500 people have received ambulatory medical treatment. In the area of children's healthcare, and in support of the Bolivian Ministry of Health's plan to fight malnutrition, the project examined 6,047 children under the age of 5 to assess their nutritional and growth status. Also, 3,257 undernourished children received micronutrient treatments. The project is also actively engaged in the Bolivian Government's national vaccination plan.

"PROSALUD in Action" developed these community service activities in coordination with the Municipal Government of El Alto and with the Regional Healthcare Service of El Alto.

Healthcare Mobile Units Built in Bolivia

The donated mobile units are designed to travel to underserved areas within the Municipality of El Alto. The design and construction of the units, mounted on appropriate vehicles, were completed in Bolivia. Each unit has an equipped mobile clinic and a nursery. Also, the mobile units have all the necessary medical equipment to provide quality healthcare attention, including a solid waste disposal system that operates in compliance with the Bolivian environmental regulations.

Through this project the U.S. Government and PROSALUD are working together to improve the access to quality healthcare by the most underprivileged sectors in the city of El Alto.